

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 19 have been amended. Claims 21 and 22 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1 and 6-20 are now pending in the present application. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 19 may be found in canceled claims 21 and 22. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection in view of the comments presented herein are respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1 and 6-20 were rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uetani et al. (US 6,627,381) in view of Nakanishi et al. (US 2002/0154540). Although Applicants do not agree with the rejection, claims 1 and 19 have been amended to recite the molecular weight range of claims 21 and 22, which were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were noted by the Examiner to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 1 and 19 as amended represent claims 21 and 22, respectively, rewritten in independent form, and should now be allowable. Since claims 6-18 depend either directly or indirectly on claim 1, and claim 20 depends on claim 19, then claims 6-18 and 20 should also be allowable.

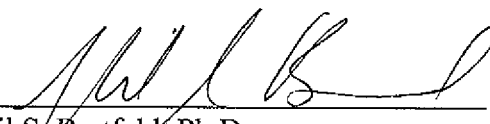
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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